

then being brought forward was that it gave those people coming to Lincoln to testify for or against these particular items some central place to testify and it also will be speaking to the same three bills, whether they are a constitutional amendment or a statutorial proposal. So I wanted to bring that to your attention that the analogy that Senator DeCamp gave was, in fact, partly correct but, secondly, there were other overlying circumstances, namely, the ones of two other bills being introduced that almost read the same thing. Secondly, it is more than a constitutional amendment and that is an addition to the Constitution and the other propositions are statutory. It was our feeling, and especially mine, that those people should be able to come forward and speak to the three bills and other than going to the Constitutional Revision Committee and then coming to the Public Works Committee at two different integrals. So I would hope that you would clarify that in your mind as to the procedure and policy of the Reference Committee concerning LB 55.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rasmussen.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Mr. President, members of the body, the Government Committee has been brought up many times in the last couple of hours of discussion, both last week and today, and I would want to say this as Chairman. I think we have a very fair committee, not only this year but the past two years. Now LB 317, the one that started the whole trouble here today, was heard in our committee. It was gone through section by section, also on the floor, as I remember, it was gone through section by section. I, along with Senator DeCamp and Senator Schmit, tried to kill this bill but we lost. I would also say that if you go through these bills you will notice that the words "county" and "municipality" is used in practically every section so there is room for disagreement here but I hate to see the body split over something that perhaps maybe could be worked out.

PRESIDENT: Senator Bereuter.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would like to expedite a decision on this so that we could move on to other things. Apparently some people are involving lobbyists in the question now suggesting, for instance, that my product liability bill will die a very quick death. This is happening to two or three other people. I don't think this sort of thing is good for the body. I would like to have a decision, therefore, I call for the question.

PRESIDENT: All right. The question is, shall debate... you are the introducer so you would close in any event, the question is, shall debate now cease? Are there five seconds? I see five seconds. Record your vote on that proposition. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 7 nays to cease debate.

PRESIDENT: Debate ceases. The Chair recognizes Senator Schmit for purposes of closing argument in reply.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature,